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COAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the average consumption of coal every year in the country; and

(b) till when the coal reserves in the country are expected to last?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): The total demand of coal in the country is assessed by the Planning Commission and is increasing every year. The total coal demand assessed by the Planning Commission and the actual production during the last two years are given below:-

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	Demand	Production
2003-04	380.900	361.156
2004-05	404.190	382.137

(Provisional)

(b): At the current rate of production, the reserves to production ratio works out to 243, which indicates that coal reserves at current rate of production would last for 243 years.